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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

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[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 24 November 2005, official holiday.]

Friday, 25 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 131 (United Nations common system (A/60/30, A/60/30/Corr.1, A/60/209, A/59/263/Add.1, A/60/421 and A/60/7/Add.3); and Strengthening the International Civil Service (A/59/30 (Vol. II), A/59/153 and A/59/399))

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

The 54th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 3).

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General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), on the draft resolution on agenda item 59 (Towards global partnerships), will be held on *Friday, 25 November 2005*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Friday, 25 November 2005

Informal consultations on the African Group draft resolution on the assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Nigeria)

10–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Other meetings

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Friday, 25 November 2005

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

The Spokesman will *not* hold a noon press briefing on *Friday, 25 November 2005*.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 28 November 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. 54th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
3 p.m. 55th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea; Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments [75 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*:
 - (a) Oceans and the law of the sea:
 - (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/60/63, A/60/63/Add.1, A/60/63/Add.2 and A/60/91)
 - (ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its sixth meeting (A/60/99)
 - (iii) Draft resolution (A/60/L.22)¹
 - (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments:
 - (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/189)
 - (ii) Draft resolution (A/60/L.23)¹

¹ To be issued.

2. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [17 and 73 (e)]: *joint debate*:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/224)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/60/L.27)¹
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolutions (A/60/L.21 and A/60/L.24) [41]
4. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/60/L.26) [120]

¹ To be issued.

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), chaired by H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett (Barbados) and H.E. Mrs. Laxanachantorn Laohaphan (Thailand), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and sub-items (a), (d) and (e)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 73, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Wednesday, 30 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), on the draft resolution on the least developed countries, under agenda item 55 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the least developed countries), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), on the draft resolution entitled "Globalization and interdependence", under agenda item 54 (a) (Globalization and interdependence), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Catherine Brown (Canada), on the draft resolution on human resources development, under agenda item 56 (c), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), on agenda item 57 (a) (Operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (c) (International Migration and development), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 52 (g) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 54 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held on Monday, 28 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind, under agenda item 52 (d) (Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held on Monday, 28 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados) on the draft resolution on International trade and development under agenda item 50 (a) (Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), under agenda item 58 (a), and informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), on the draft resolution on the United Nations Staff College in Turin, under agenda item 58 (b), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Yoshiaki Ito (Japan), on the draft resolution under agenda item 56 (a) (Eradication of Poverty), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Peter Le Roux (South Africa) on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 4.45 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

[Note: Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal "informal" consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The 23rd meeting of the Sixth Committee will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will meet on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., with the following agenda: Executive session on the 2005 World Summit Outcome; and Meeting with the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 3.30 p.m. in Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Solemn meeting

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. Representatives of all Permanent and Observer Missions and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350; or by fax (1 (212) 963-4199).

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

First meeting

The first meeting of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from 5 to 9 December 2005 in Conference Room XVI, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Notices in this regard were sent to all Member States Missions on 17 October 2005. Delegations are kindly reminded to forward the information concerning the meeting of the Committee to the appropriate national agency. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Kregel, (tel. 1 (917) 367-3546); or Mr. Masakatsu Ohyama (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695), at the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

A joint informal consultation on Atlas will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (experts on candidatures)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations of States on the preparations for the 2006 United Nations conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs)

Monday, 28 November 2005, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Round table on "Kosovo" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The round table will be a closed meeting. For further information, please call Ms. Connie Robinson, International Crisis Group (tel. 1 (212) 813-0820; e-mail crobinson@crisisgroup.org).]

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefings/informal exchanges of views between the Bureau of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and delegations from the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and the JUSCANZ Group (organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests)

Group of 77 and China:

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

European Union:

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

JUSCANZ Group

Friday, 2 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Latin American and Caribbean States Group (GRULAC) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Round table discussion on "Advisory proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea" (organized by the International Tribunal for the Law of Sea, in cooperation with the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs)

Tuesday, 29 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

United Nations Development Programme

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: second informal briefing on the Arab Human Development Report 2005 and the new Arab States regional programme.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Round table on "Tajikistan's MDG-based National Development Strategy" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations Millennium Project)

Monday, 12 December 2005, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nima Tabloei, United Nations Millennium Project (tel. 1 (212) 906-6009; e-mail nima.tabloei@unmillenniumproject.org).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixtieth session of the General

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent, by Thursday, 8 December 2005, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377; room S-3460D or S-3420A).

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylor@un.org; and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 November 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Security Council

5308th meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/732, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/732) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/732) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1640 (2005).

5309th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/56).

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

53rd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary General (A/60/553) [112 (c)]

The General Assembly decided to extend Mr. Klaus Töpfer's appointment as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for two months, until 31 March 2006.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 112.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: reports of the Fifth Committee [113]

(a) *Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/542)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/60/542), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Guillermo Kendall (Argentina), Mr. Igor Khalevinski (Russian Federation), Ms. Susan McLurg (United States of America), Mr. Tommo Monthe (Cameroon) and Ms. Christina Vasak (France).

(b) *Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/60/543)*

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/543), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Ms. Sujata Ghorai (Germany), Mr. Vyacheslav Anatolievich Logutov (Russian Federation), Mr. Richard Moon (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea), Mr. Henrique da Silveira Sardinha Pinto (Brazil) and Mr. Wu Gang (China).

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/60/544)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/60/544), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Madhav Dhar (India), Mr. Nemir Kirdar (Iraq) and Mr. Masakazu Arikawa (Japan).

(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/60/545)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/60/545), appointed the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2006.

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/60/546)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/60/546), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2006: Mr. Minoru Endo (Japan), Mr. Gilberto Paranhos Velloso (Brazil), Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America), Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany) and Mr. Gian Luigi Valenza (Italy).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a) to (e) of agenda item 113 and of agenda item 113 as a whole.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/540) [138]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/60/540) (resolution 60/17).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 138.

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/60/541) [145]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/541) (resolution 60/18).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 78 to 80, 82, 153, 155, 156, 158 and 159.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee which were before the Assembly.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/514) [78]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/514) (resolution 60/19).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/515) [79]

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolutions I and II, recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/60/515) (resolutions 60/20 and 60/21).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/516) [80]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/516) (resolution 60/22).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/517) . [82]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/60/517) (resolution 60/23).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/520) [153]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/520) (resolution 60/24).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

Observer status for the Latin American Integration Association in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/521) [155]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/521) (resolution 60/25).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 155.

Observer status for the Common Fund for Commodities in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/522) [156]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/522) (resolution 60/26).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Observer status for the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/533) [158]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/533) (resolution 60/27).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Granting of observer status in the General Assembly to the Ibero-American Conference: report of the Sixth Committee (A/60/534) [159]

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/534) (resolution 60/28).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Report of the International Criminal Court: draft resolution (A/60/L.25) [81]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 81.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/60/L.25.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/60/L.25 (resolution 60/29).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that, in addition to items already scheduled for Monday, 28 November 2005, in the morning, the General Assembly would resume its consideration of agenda item 41 (to take action on draft resolutions A/60/L.21 and A/60/L.24) and agenda item 120 (to take action on draft resolution A/60/L.26).

Main Committees

Second Committee

32nd meeting

Information and communication technologies for development (A/60/323) [49]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Oral decision

On the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295" (A/60/323).

Eradication of poverty and other development issues [56]

(a) Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.41

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

(b) Women in development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.43

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.40

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Training and research [58]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.39

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

*(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.42*

The representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) introduced the draft resolution.

Towards global partnerships [59]*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.38*

The representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union and the sponsors listed) introduced the draft resolution.

El Salvador and Afghanistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement, in the course of which he announced that the next formal meeting of the Committee would be on Friday, 2 December 2005.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee**47th meeting***Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms* [71 (b)]*Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.31*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement and orally revised the draft resolution.

Azerbaijan, Benin, Botswana, Comoros, the Congo, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mali, Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 117 to 51, with 4 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union).

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.36

The Committee read out a statement of financial implications relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Malaysia made a statement and orally revised the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 172 to 2, with 5 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Japan.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European).

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States made a statement, orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Finland, Liechtenstein, the Marshall Islands, Norway, Palau, Peru, Spain and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Georgia, Iceland, India, Jordan, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Somalia, Swaziland, Thailand and Timor-Leste also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba, in which a separate vote was requested on the revised the fifth preambular paragraph.

The paragraph was retained, by a recorded vote of 123 to 0, with 35 abstentions.

The representative of Egypt made a statement, after which the Secretary made a clarification.

In accordance with rule 129, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 173 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement, orally revised the text and announced that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Cambodia, the Comoros, Guinea, Jordan, Mali, Qatar and Tunisia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [71 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement and announced that the United States of America and Japan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra, Iceland, the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), made a statement and moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Uganda.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of China and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand).

The motion was carried, by a recorded vote of 84 to 79 with 12 abstentions.

The representative of Turkey made a statement.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

48th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [69]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.63/Rev.1

The representative of Jamaica made a statement and introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out a statement on financial implications of the draft resolution.

The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The representative of the United States made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representatives of Israel and the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.63/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 172 to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Botswana in explanation of vote after the vote.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/C.3/60/307 and A/C.3/60/307/Corr.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 69.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [71 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.44/Rev.1 and amendments thereto, contained in document A/C.3/60/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium made a statement, in which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.44 and A/C.3/60/L.44/Rev.1.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.57/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement of financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Armenia, Bangladesh, Belize, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Mauritius, Morocco, Timor-Leste and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, the Niger, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Sudan joined also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Singapore.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [71 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.41/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement (on behalf of the European Union) and announced that Japan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra and Iceland also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Uganda made a statement and requested separate votes on preambular paragraph 4 and operative paragraph 9 (c) of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo made statements in explanation of vote.

The Committee retained preambular paragraph 4, by a recorded vote of 92 to 3, with 62 abstentions.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 9 (c), by a recorded vote of 92 to 3, with 62 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in explanation of vote before the vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.41/Rev.1, as a whole, by a recorded vote of 96 to 2 with 66 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States in explanation of vote.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of several documents under agenda item 71 and its sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 71 as a whole.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [116]

Draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly (document A/C.3/60/L.72)

The Committee adopted its draft programme of work, as contained in document A/C.3/60/L.72, which had been submitted by the Chairman, and agreed to bring it to the attention of the plenary of the General Assembly.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision relating to the rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Committee for subsequent sessions of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 116.

Completion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the Bahamas (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Poland (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Belgium (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States), Cuba, the United Kingdom, Egypt and New Zealand.

The Chairman declared the work of the Third Committee for the first part of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly completed.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 23 November 2005

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-fifth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

- 54th meeting (closed) *Consideration of reports* [6]
- (a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*
- (b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*
- The Committee adopted its draft concluding observations on the initial report of Uzbekistan (E/1990/5/Add.63).
- 55th meeting (closed) Under agenda item 6, the Committee discussed its draft concluding observations on the initial report of Bosnia and Herzegovina (E/1990/5/Add.65).

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman,
or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

Committee against Torture

Thirty-fifth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

- 689th meeting (closed) The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Bosnia and Herzegovina, discussed the follow-up on article 22 and the elaboration of a general comment on article 2 and met with the High Commissioner to discuss developments regarding treaty body reform.
- 690th meeting (closed) *Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [7]
The Committee began its consideration of concluding observations on Austria.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Objection to the proposal of amendments to Annex 1, Appendix 1 of the ATP: Germany (16 November 2005)¹

Objection to draft amendments to Annex 1 to the ATP: Germany (16 November 2005)¹

Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Madrid, 13 September 1983

Accession: Liberia (22 November 2005)¹

Amendments to Articles 6 (6) and 7 (1) of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Trieste, Italy, 3 December 1996

Ratification: Liberia (22 November 2005)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Burundi (22 November 2005)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Signature: Albania (23 November 2005)

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic, opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, Geneva, 1 May 1971

Notification of designation of competent administration pursuant to article 6 (8): Albania (23 November 2005)¹

Agreement governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies. New York, 5 December 1979

Ratification: Peru (23 November 2005)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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Screening of the film "Raising Their Voices: The Story of the Sinikithemba Choir"; followed by a panel discussion (organized by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on the occasion of World AIDS Day)

Monday, 28 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Asif Husain-Naviatti (tel. 1 (212) 824-6610; e-mail husainnaviattia@unaids.org).]

Launch of the book entitled "Cowardly Lions: Missed Opportunities to Prevent Deadly Conflict and State Collapse" (organized by the UNA-Haiti, in collaboration with the Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 28 November 2005, at 5.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Liza Pullman, UNA-Haiti (tel. 1 (212) 867-4360; e-mail unahaiti@pobox.com).]

Screening of the film "Route 181", on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People)

From Tuesday, 29 November, to Thursday, 1 December 2005, at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Better offices: Bolstering United Nations Peacemaking" (organized by the Department of Political Affairs, in follow-up to the decision of the 2005 World Summit to strengthen the Secretary-General's "good offices" capabilities for preventing and resolving armed conflict)

Wednesday, 30 November 2005, from 3.30 to 5.50 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jared Kotler (e-mail kotler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5264).]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking"; and ceremony appointing a UNODC Goodwill Ambassador (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with Vital Voices Global Partnership, on the occasion of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery)

Friday, 2 December 2005, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; fax 1 (212) 963-4581).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali

Asian States:

Indonesia
H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie

Eastern European States:

Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Bahamas

H.E. Ms. Paulette A. Bethel

Western European and other States:

Belgium

H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 November 2005.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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A/60/PV.26	Meeting held on 4 October 2005, 3 p.m. [A C E F R]
General Assembly	Documents
	Sixtieth session
A/60/234*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/60/307/Corr.1	Item 71 (b) of the provisional agenda — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/60/451	Item 85 — Reduction of military budgets — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/455	Item 89 — Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/456	Item 90 — African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]

- A/60/459 Item 93 — Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/60/460 Item 94 — Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/60/462 Item 96 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/60/516 Item 80 — Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/60/524 Item 116 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/60/550/Add.1 Item 124 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Third annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/60/550/Corr.1 Item 124 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Third annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/60/556 Item 10 — Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/60/563-S/2005/731 Items 14 and 108 — The situation in the Middle East — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Identical letters dated 21 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

- A/C.2/60/L.41 Item 56 (a) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- A/C.2/60/L.42 Item 58 (b) — Training and research: United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/60/12 Item 69 (b) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Letter dated 14 November from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/60/L.41/Rev.1 Item 71 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — 37-Power revised draft resolution — Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/60/L.72 Item 116 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Draft programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly submitted by the Chairman [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/60/L.73 Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.44/Rev.1 — Human rights mainstreaming in the United Nations system [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2005/705 Letter dated 31 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2005/728 Fifth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi [A C E F R S]
- S/2005/729 Letter dated 16 November 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2005/730 Letter dated 21 November 2005 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/60/563-S/2005/731 Identical letters dated 21 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council**Documents****Commission on Population and Development
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- E/CN.9/2006/L.1 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Organization of the work of the session — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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- ST/ADM/SER.B/637 Status of contributions as at 30 November 2004 [E F S (only)]
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